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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN COMMENTS ON THE CRIMEA CONFERENCE

1. NICOLAE LUPU, FOREIGN EDITOR OF ROMANIA LIBERA, TOLD CHARGE LAST NIGHT THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISAGREEMENT AT CRIMEA MEETING OF WARSAW PACT HEADS. WHILE VAGUE ON DETAILS, LUPU HAD SPECIFICALLY SAID, IN RAISING THE SUBJECT, THAT SOVIET POSITION ON CSCE WAS "VERY CLEAR, ESPECIALLY AFTER CRIMEA" AND INDICATED LARGE GAP BETWEEN ROMANIA AND SOVIETS ON SOME ASPECTS OF CSCE WHICH CRIMEAN TALKS HAD MADE MORE CLEAR, NOT LESS. ALTHOUGH EFFORTS TO GET LUPU TO BE SPECIFIC WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONE AREA OF DIFFERENCE WAS TREATMENT OF FRONTIERS WITH ROMANIA FAVORING FORMULATION IN WHICH FRONTIERS COULD NOT BE ALTERED BY FORCE BUT LEAVING OPEN POSSIBILITY FOR FUTURE
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PEACEFUL ADJUSTMENT BY MUTUAL CONSENT (PRESUMABLY SOVIETS

WOULD LIKE SOMETHING AKIN TO DE JURE RECOGNITION OF THEIR GAINS WHILE ROMANIANS DO NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE FOR ALL TIME THEIR CLAIMS TO BESSARABIA AND NORTHER BUKOVINA).

2. LUPU ALSO INDICATED THAT CONDEMNATION OF PRC WOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN COMMUNIQUE IF ROMANIANS HAD NOT REFUSED. "THE COMMUNIQUE WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFERENT IF ROMANIA HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT," LUPU CONCLUDED.

3. COMMENT: LUPU'S REMARKS ARE IN LINE WITH WHAT WE KNOW TO BE OFFICIAL ROMANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUBJECTS BROACHED AT CRIMEA AND WITH IMPLICATIONS OF SCINTEIA EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 4 ON CRIMEA MEETING. IN STRESSING INTER ALIA ROMANIAN SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, THAT ARTICLE CLEARLY REAFFIRMS OPPOSITION TO ALLIANCES OF GROUPINGS DIRECTED AGAINST ANY INDEPENDENT STATE, I.E., CHINA. MARTENS

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